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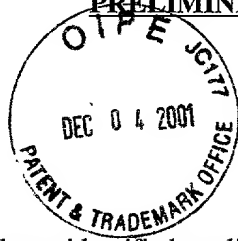
For: **METHOD OF ELECTRONICALLY SETTING CREDITS AND SYSTEM THEREFOR**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 4, 2001

Sir:



Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 7,8,9,10 as follows:

7. The system for electronically setting credits, according to Claim 6, wherein a plurality of said appraisal organizations which are provided said appraisal management devices is established; and

said means for acquiring market value information send said credit line application information identically to the plurality of said appraisal management devices, receive a plurality of said market value information, and use said market value information which is the greatest, the least, or an intermediate amount from among the information received.

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8. The system for electronically setting credits, according to Claim 7, wherein a plurality of said credit granting organizations possessing said credit line management devices is established; and

said means for acquiring said credit line information send said credit line application information, or this credit line application information and said market value information, identically to said plurality of credit line management devices, receive a plurality of said credit line information, and command the establishment of said credit line to said credit line management device that sent said credit line of the greatest amount from among the information received.

9. The system for electronically setting credits, according to Claim 8, wherein a plurality of said membership issuing organizations is established; and

said means for receiving said credit line application information determines the issuing organization of said membership on the basis of said credit line application information, and makes the issuing organization determined said membership issuing organization in the subsequent processing.

10. The system for electronically setting credits, according to Claim 9, wherein a registration device possessed by a registration organization is connected through said telecommunications network to said information brokering management device; and

said credit line application information, said credit line information, or both are registered in said registration device.

Please add the claims 11,12,13,14 as follows:

11. The system for electronically setting credits, according to Claim 5, wherein a plurality of said appraisal organizations which are provided said appraisal management devices is established; and

said means for acquiring market value information send said credit line application information identically to the plurality of said appraisal management devices, receive a plurality of said market value information, and use said market value information which is the greatest, the least, or an intermediate amount from among the information received.

12. The system for electronically setting credits, according to Claims 4 or 5, wherein a plurality of said credit granting organizations possessing said credit line management devices is established; and

said means for acquiring said credit line information send said credit line application information, or this credit line application information and said market value information, identically to said plurality of credit line management devices, receive a plurality of said credit line information, and command the establishment of said credit line to said credit line management device that sent said credit line of the greatest amount from among the information received.

13. The system for electronically setting credits, according to Claims 4 or 5, wherein a plurality of said membership issuing organizations is established; and

said means for receiving said credit line application information determines the issuing organization of said membership on the basis of said credit line application information, and makes the issuing organization determined said membership issuing organization in the subsequent processing.

14. The system for electronically setting credits, according to any of Claims 4 or 5, wherein a registration device possessed by a registration organization is connected through said telecommunications network to said information brokering management device; and

said credit line application information, said credit line information, or both are registered in said registration device.

**REMARKS**

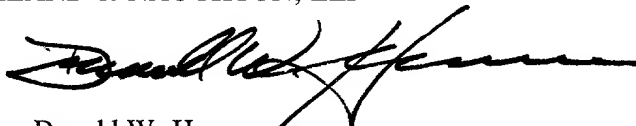
The above amendments to the claims have been made to correct the multiple dependency of the claims and to put the application in better condition for examination.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**".

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please find Claims 7,8,9,10 to be amended as follows:**

7. The system for electronically setting credits, according to Claim [5 or] 6, wherein a plurality of said appraisal organizations which are provided said appraisal management devices is established; and

said means for acquiring market value information send said credit line application information identically to the plurality of said appraisal management devices, receive a plurality of said market value information, and use said market value information which is the greatest, the least, or an intermediate amount from among the information received.

8. The system for electronically setting credits, according to [any of Claims 4 through] Claim 7, wherein a plurality of said credit granting organizations possessing said credit line management devices is established; and

said means for acquiring said credit line information send said credit line application information, or this credit line application information and said market value information, identically to said plurality of credit line management devices, receive a plurality of said credit line information, and command the establishment of said credit line to said credit line management device that sent said credit line of the greatest amount from among the information received.

9. The system for electronically setting credits, according to [any of Claims 4 through] Claim 8, wherein a plurality of said membership issuing organizations [in] is established; and

said means for receiving said credit line application information determines the issuing organization of said membership on the basis of said credit line application information, and makes the issuing organization determined said membership issuing organization in the subsequent processing.

10. The system for electronically setting credits, according to [any of Claims 4 through] Claim 9, wherein a registration device possessed by a registration organization is connected through said telecommunications network to said information brokering management device; and

said credit line application information, said credit line information, or both are registered in said registration device.